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1. SUMMARY: ALL KOREAN PAPERS CONTINUED HEAVY COVERAGE 9/7 OF
SOVIET-ROK CONTACTS, INCLUDING ROK MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS SHIN HYON-HWACK'S PARTICIPATION IN WHO CONFERENCE IN
SOVIET UNION. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY HEADLINED STORY OF 40-MINUTE PHONE
CALL BETWEEN MINISTER SHIN-AND ROK NEWSMEN IN SEOUL. SHIN GAVE
HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE USSR, SAID THE SOVIET PEOPLE GREETED HIM
WARMLY AND THAT HE HAD HAD FREE CONTACT WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS
PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE (INCLUDING ONE OF KOREAN DESCENT),
AND ADDED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION HAD REFRAINED FROM ITS
USUAL ABUSE OF THE ROKG THUS FAR.

3. PAPERS ALSO HEADLINED REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH PRC
VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING BY 13 JAPANESE EDITORS
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VISITING PEKING. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM KOREAN
CORRESPONDENTS BASED IN TOKYO, TENG SAID THE PRC IS NOT
CONCERNED ABOUT THE USSR'S INCREASING ITS INFLUENCE IN
NORTH KOREA BUT ABOUT THE USSR'S ATTEMPT TO GAIN INFLUENCE
IN SOUTH KOREA. TENG ADDED THAT THE PRC HAS NOT GIVEN
ANY THOUGHT TO MAKING AN APPROACH TO THE ROKG.

4. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE CARRIED FRONTPAGE STORIES FROM KOREAN REPORTERS COVERING THE IPU MEETING IN BONN THAT SOVIET DELEGATION LEADER RUBENS (PHONETIC) SAID THE USSR BASICALLY AGREED WITH THE CONTENTS OF ROKG DELEGATION LEADER PAK CHOON KYU'S SPEECH OUTLINING PRESIDENT PAK'S 6/23 PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. RUBENS WAS ALSO QUTED AS SAYING AT A LATER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF IMPORVED USSR-ROKG RELATIONS, THAT "TIME WILL TELL". WHICH WAS TAKEN HERE AS AN INDICATION OF AN AFFIRMATIVE POSITION.
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